



# White-tailed Kite

NEWSLETTER OF ALTACAL BIRD ALLIANCE

Dedicated to Preserving and Protecting Birds and Their Habitats. Serving Butte, Glenn, and Tehama Counties of Northern California

April • May 2026

## AltaCal Programs

Programs for the general community are normally held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

In December the program is held on the second Monday and in June, July, and August there are no programs.

## April Program

### What Happens in Peru

Presented by Mary Muchowski and Friends

Monday, April 20, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Chico Creek Nature Center 1968 E 8th St, Chico and on Zoom

This Monday, five adventurous AltaCal members take you on a two week journey to the natural wonders of Central Peru, from the flying Humboldt Penguins of coastal Lima to the Diademed Sandpiper-plover with its little tiara at dizzying elevations of nearly 16,000 feet in the Andes. Highlights of the over 300 trip species of birds include manakins, toucanets, Masked Trogon, Golden-headed Quetzal, Torrent Duck, Giant Hummingbird, Inca Tern, Andean Motmot, Peruvian Thick-knee, Rufous-sided Crake, Chilean Flamingo, and gobs of tanagers and hummers. From the desolation of the desert to the lush rainforest to the expansive vistas of the Andes, the scenery is rich and varied. This region of Peru, little traveled by foreign tourists (some even lacking e-bird hotspots!), is being promoted by former Peace Corps volunteer Stanley Boynton, (Ecoturismo Peru). Stanley, a trailblazer for sustainable tourism, has devoted years to uncovering the region's hidden treasures, championing delicious meals at homegrown restaurants, ecolodges that blend into lush landscapes, local drivers who know every twist of the road, and partnering with one of the region's most prominent birders, conservationist and author Alejandro Tello. Join us for just a few of the seemingly endless highlights and the best of countless thousands of photos from this trip of a lifetime.

### Join Zoom Meeting

- » <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9227958804?pwd=Fiz5B4XvMuU7gppWBjAW1iGDbOeTbO.1&omn=86222917149>
- » Meeting ID 922 795 8804 Passcode 468753



Travelers at Ulcumano Ecolodge

## May Program

### AltaCal's Annual Potluck

Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Chico Creek Nature Center

Please join us and celebrate friendships and our common love for birds and the natural world at our annual potluck dinner on Monday, May 18, 6:30 p.m. at Chico Creek Nature Center. We'll have a chance to visit with old and new friends, talk about birds and birding, and share stories of recent and future adventures and travels.

Remember there are no programs in June, July, and August so you don't want to miss this one. Bring a dish to share, a beverage for yourself or to share, a plate and fork, and a chair if you like.



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4 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.

AltaCal Members are welcome to attend.

## Sightings



Greater Roadrunner. Photo by Karen White



Great Horned Owl. Photo by Pamela Waldsmith



Golden Eagle. Photo by Karen White

## Bird Trips

Please note our new field trip registration process is now done through Zeffy. Links for each field trip can be found at [altacal.org/calendar](http://altacal.org/calendar)

- Pre-registration is required for trips and can be completed by following our registration links to Zeffy.
- Signing an AltaCal Liability Waiver is a requirement to attend all field trips. Completed Liability Waivers are valid until June 30, 2026.
- Carpools are encouraged, but are optional and up to the individual. It is always nice to offer compensation to the driver if you ride in a carpool.

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### Spring Birding at Black Butte Lake

*Thursday, April 2, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

**Trip Leaders: Joyce Bond & Joan Mitchell**

**Limit 14 participants**

The Black Butte Lake area is a great place for spring birding, and early April is a good time to see Lewis's Woodpeckers. Other species we may see include Lesser Nighthawk, Loggerhead Shrike, Bald and Golden Eagles, nesting Osprey, Western and Clark's Grebes, Bullock's Oriole, and spring migrant warblers. To register for this field trip, go to [altacal.org/calendar](http://altacal.org/calendar) and click on the Zeffy link for this trip. I'll email details including our carpool/caravan site the weekend beforehand. Contact Joyce Bond at [chantedor@gmail.com](mailto:chantedor@gmail.com) if any questions.

### Birding the Abbey of Our Lady of New Clairvaux

*Wednesday, April 8, 8:30 a.m. – noon*

**Trip Leaders: Pamela Waldsmith & Karen Smith**

**Limit 12 participants**

We will meet at New Clairvaux Winery at 8:30 a.m. in the Church parking lot farthest from the church. We have special permission to bird along the riparian corridor of Deer Creek and on the grounds of the Abbey in areas often kept off limits. Join us in exploring these areas of New Clairvaux. We will walk on very uneven ground and through tall grass at times for about 2-3 miles. Bring binoculars. Walking poles are helpful. Bring insect repellent and a supply of water and plenty of snacks for eating along the way. Eating is not allowed in the tasting room. After the AltaCal birding trip has ended by 11 a.m., Brother Luis will provide an optional tour of the grounds. Afterward, you are welcome to visit the tasting room. You may also take time to visit their historical wall to learn more about the Abbey. While a donation is not required for our tour of the Abbey, there is a charge for wine tasting if you choose to partake. Members of the winery can taste for free and include one other person. The wine tasting portion is not sanctioned by AltaCal Bird Alliance, but we still request you have a designated driver. Please contact Karen Smith [birds4ks@gmail.com](mailto:birds4ks@gmail.com) for questions. To register for this field trip, please visit [altacal.org/calendar](http://altacal.org/calendar) and click on the Zeffy link.

### The Washout (Sacramento River)

*Saturday, April 11, 8 – 10 a.m.*

**Trip Leader – Grant Heath**

Join us at the washout on River Road, across from Big Chico Creek Access. We will meet at 8 a.m. and walk along the river. We hope to see birds such as Osprey, Orange-crowned Warbler, and Black-headed Grosbeak. For questions, contact Grant Heath at [grantheath01@gmail.com](mailto:grantheath01@gmail.com). To register for this field trip, please visit [altacal.org/calendar](http://altacal.org/calendar) and click on the Zeffy link.

AltaCal Bird Alliance's scheduled field trips are a great way to experience a variety of birding areas, with an experienced trip leader.

Occasionally "Pop-up" Birding Field Trips, that aren't listed here, will be posted on the AltaCal Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/altacaludubon/>) and the AltaCal Bird Alliance webpage (<http://www.altacal.org/calendar>). All field trip registration is done through Zeffy.

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### Butte Valley Birding

*Saturday, April 18, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

**Trip Leaders: Carolyn Short, Jennifer Patten, Karen Smith**

**Limit: 12 participants**

Oak woodlands, a graveyard, and a college wildlife refuge are among the best birding areas in Butte Valley. Carolyn Short's house, off Clark Rd, will be our first stop. Set among oak woodlands, a rolling trail through her property will surely be birdy. Then, a short drive to an old pioneer graveyard, the Clear Creek Cemetery. Older cemeteries tend to be birding hot spots. Next, we'll stop at Butte College Wildlife Refuge. Hike the 1-mile loop that follows Clear Creek through riparian habitat and wetlands.

Meet at the Chico's Park-n-Ride, the lot closest to HWY 99, at 8:30 a.m., and we will carpool to Carolyn's house. Bring insect repellent, water, hat, good hiking shoes, binoculars, and lunch. For questions, contact Jennifer Patten [jenepatten@gmail.com](mailto:jenepatten@gmail.com). To register for this field trip, go to [altacal.org/calendar](http://altacal.org/calendar) and click on the Zeffy link.

### Slacker Saturday at Pine Creek Unit

*Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

**Trip Leader: Skip Augur**

Enjoy your morning coffee and join us for a walk to see what's around. Meet at the Pine Creek Unit off Highway 32 on the way to Hamilton City. Note: This is not Pine Creek Access. We may see Osprey, Acorn and Nuttall's Woodpeckers, Northern Flicker, Western Kingbird and more. Contact Skip Augur [wba@acm.org](mailto:wba@acm.org), 530-519-4724 for questions. To register for this field trip, please visit [altacal.org/calendar](http://altacal.org/calendar) and click on the Zeffy link.

### Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area – Howard's Slough Unit

*Thursday, April 30, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.*

**Trip Leaders: Jennifer Patten & Karen Smith**

**Limit: 12**

Join us to explore an easy 1.5 mile walk around Howard's Slough Unit in Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area which is a riparian restoration project from 2002. Trails are dirt and grassy with some dips, so bring walking sticks if needed and wear sturdy shoes. Trails meander through ponds, marshes and riparian areas where we may see Wood Ducks, Northern Shovelers, Wilson's Snipe, Gadwall, Killdeer, and American Bittern. A Lands Pass (\$5.97) or hunting license is required for this field trip. You may purchase a lands pass here: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Lands-Pass> or at Sportsman's Warehouse, Dick's Sporting Goods, or Big 5 Sporting Goods. For GPS directions to Howard's Slough Unit, use this address: 9256 Highway 162, Butte City, CA 95920. As an

optional side trip, we will stop at Llano Seco Unit. Bring snacks, water, binoculars and insect repellent. For questions, contact Karen Smith, [birds4ks@gmail.com](mailto:birds4ks@gmail.com). To register for this field trip, please visit [altacal.org/calendar](http://altacal.org/calendar) and click on the Zeffy link.

### **First Saturday at Genetic Resource Center aka Tree Farm**

*Saturday, May 2, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.*

**Trip Leader: Ken Sobon**

**Limit: 14 participants**

Chico's "Tree Farm" is a great local birding site where we can find a wide variety of species and sometimes uncommon sightings. Some birds we often see there are Western Bluebirds, Cedar Waxwings, Hermit Thrush, Red-breasted Sapsucker, wrens, kinglets, quail, and various raptors. We'll meet outside the gate at 2741 Cramer Lane at 8:30 a.m. Contact Ken Sobon [altacalpresident@gmail.com](mailto:altacalpresident@gmail.com) for questions. To register for this field trip, go to [altacal.org/calendar](http://altacal.org/calendar) and click on the Zeffy link.

### **Soil, Landforms, Vegetation & Birds of Bidwell Park**

*Wednesday, May 6, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.*

**Trip Leader: Andrew Conlin**

**Limit: 20 participants**

This trip begins in the floodplain of Big Chico Creek and travels back in time across the creek's older deposits, up into the Cascade foothills. The first route covers a condensed sequence of the major landforms in the Sacramento Valley and the transition to the Tuscan Formation in the Cascade foothills in less than 1 mile. The second route is a 1.5-mile, one-way walk along the bottom of Big Chico Creek Canyon, building on what was observed on the first route and offering views of the slot canyon in the Lovejoy basalt, which controls stream dynamics in this reach of the canyon. Vegetation and habitats will be correlated with soil characteristics and landforms along both routes. We will do some free-style birding on our hike back. Hiking the 1.5-mile trail along Big Chico Creek stays reasonably level, making it a 3-mile round trip. So be prepared. Bring water, snacks, and binoculars. Dress warmly and wear sturdy hiking shoes. Meet at the 5-mile north parking lot on 5-mile road at 9 a.m. Please contact Jennifer Patten at [jenepatten@gmail.com](mailto:jenepatten@gmail.com) with any questions. To register for this field trip, please visit [altacal.org/calendar](http://altacal.org/calendar) and click on the Zeffy link.

### **Lime Saddle Memorial Park Trail**

*Saturday, May 9, 8:30 – 11 a.m.*

**Trip Leaders: Diana Hoffmeister and Pamela Waldsmith**

**Limit 10 participants**

Join us for a springtime bird and wildflower walk on a quiet trail through rolling hills of chaparral-oak-pine with views of Lake Oroville. This is an out-and-back walk, about 3.5 miles, with some elevation (< 400'), and uneven, rocky ground. Sturdy walking shoes are recommended. Bring water, snacks, and binoculars. Walking poles are optional. Meet us at the trailhead just off Pentz Rd. at 8:30. Park in the gravel lot which will be on your right just past Lime Saddle Road that leads to the Marina, not the campground! For questions, contact Diana Hoffmeister, [dianamhoffmeister@gmail.com](mailto:dianamhoffmeister@gmail.com). To register for this field trip, please visit [altacal.org/calendar](http://altacal.org/calendar) and click on the Zeffy link.

### **Slacker Saturday at Drumheller Slough Unit & SNWR**

*Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.*

**Trip Leader: Skip Augur**

We will meet at Chico Park & Ride (nearest to 99) at 10 a.m. and then we'll drive to the Drumheller Slough Unit along the Sacramento River to check for spring migrants; the walk there is around 45 minutes on level unpaved trails in a nice riparian habitat. We may see wrens, thrushes, woodpeckers and more. We'll then continue on to the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge to see what's remained from the winter, as well as check on the local resident birds. There is a vehicle fee of \$5.50. Free with a National Parks Pass – America the Beautiful. Contact Skip Augur [wba@acm.org](mailto:wba@acm.org), 530-519-4724 for questions. To register for this field trip, please visit [altacal.org/calendar](http://altacal.org/calendar) and click on the Zeffy link

### **Feather River Trail**

*Saturday, May 23, 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.*

**Trip Leaders: Grant Heath and Karen White**

**Limit 12 participants**

Join us for an easy stroll on the paved path along the Feather River in Oroville. We can expect to see regular residents such as Woodpeckers, Scrub Jays, Herons, Egrets, Mergansers, Gulls, Osprey, and more. We'll be keeping an eye out for migrants as well. Bring binoculars/camera, water and snacks. We will meet at Park n Ride on Fir Street in Chico (the lot closest to the freeway) at 8:00am. Or you can meet us at the public parking lot at Montgomery and Myers Street in Oroville at 8:30.

For questions contact Grant Heath, [grantcheath01@gmail.com](mailto:grantcheath01@gmail.com). To register for this field trip, go to [altacal.org/calendar](http://altacal.org/calendar) and click on the Zeffy link.

### **Birding & Botany at Paradise Lake**

*Saturday, May 30, 8–11 a.m.*

**Trip Leaders: Joyce Bond & Noah Berg**

**Limit: 14 participants**

On this joint AltaCal Bird Alliance and California Native Plant Society field trip, we'll observe the birds and plants of the forest and lakeside habitats along scenic Paradise Lake. Bird sightings here often include Bald Eagles (maybe on a nest), Osprey, grebes and other waterfowl, and a variety of woodpeckers, vireos, and spring migrant warblers. We will also learn how to identify the native trees and shrubs along the trail, which host a variety of bird species. The walk is approximately 4 miles round-trip on a level, easy trail. We'll have a carpool leaving from Chico at 7:15 a.m., as it's about a 45-minute drive. Meeting place, directions, and information will be sent to those who sign up. Contact Joyce Bond at [chantedor@gmail.com](mailto:chantedor@gmail.com) if you have any questions. To register for this field trip, go to [altacal.org/calendar](http://altacal.org/calendar) and click on the Zeffy link.

# 21 Years of Owl Banding at the BCCER, A 2025 Northern Saw-whet Owl Banding Summary

## Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve Project Site Observations

—Dawn Garcia, Consulting Biologist

Two years post Park Fire which burned 400,000 acres including the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve (Reserve) barn, ranch house, habitat and OWL2 and OWL3 net array sites, we were excited to see what changes might have happened in regard to owls. In 2025, our site still looked barren in some ways, there was virtually no canopy cover since most of the trees burned. However, forbs and herbs, basal sprouting of many deciduous trees and shrubs, partially live trees occurred, making for rodent forage and saw-whet owl roosting habitat. We had an increase in NSWO from 2024 and it was a good banding season. There were other signs of life and recovery of the habitat. The bat condo, one of the only structures that survived the fire near us, was occupied by many bats (unsure of the species). We also heard bats and captured one Pallid (*Antrozous pallidus*) in our net. Migrating overhead throughout the season we heard Snow Geese (*Anser caerulescens*), **Greater White-fronted Geese** (*Anser albifrons*), and **Tundra Swans** (*Cygnus columbianus*). The resident **Great Horned Owl** (*Bubo virginianus*) pair remained on site and dueted throughout our banding season. We had many detections of **American Barn Owls** (*Tyto furcata*) and compared to 2024, increased detections of **Pygmy Owls** (*Glaucidium gnoma*) and **NSWO**. We did not detect or capture any Western Screech Owls (WESO, *Megascops kennicottii*). An exciting new species for us was a **Common Poorwill** (*Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*). We had multiple observations and captured one in the net. Poorwills habitat is typically dry open areas with grasses or shrubs, just what the Reserve offered post-fire. We documented other wildlife post-burn: several gray foxes (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*), rabbits, many western toads (*Anaxyrus boreas*), a beautiful sharp-tailed snake (*Contia tenuis*) and insect life. Generally, we detected more wildlife this year, post-fire than in 2024. We continued last year's safety protocols due to the potential burned tree hazards processing owls on picnic tables under a secure open-sided canopy structure, and wearing hard hats walking back and forth to the nets. Guests were able to join us this year.

### Winter Owls

We started 2025 beginning with our winter-spring banding. Charlie Giannini and Morgan LaSorella put in a substantial winter sampling effort, conducting eight banding nights in January, February, and March. They captured two new female After Second Year (ASY) owls and two important recaptures. The recaptures may have been wintering together being caught within ½ hour of each other. One female was originally banded during fall migration of 2023-making her at least 3 years old, and a second was originally banded during migration in November of 2024. This female likely spent the 62 days between captures on the BCCER.

### Fall Owls

Owls came through in steady numbers beginning with two on opening night, October 9th and ending with 3 captures on November 21, with a total of 84 new owls, an increase from 45 owls in 2024! We had four same season recaptures which show that the owls are staying on the Reserve for at least some period, finding prey and shelter. We set nets 31 nights and canceled eight nights due to rain and wind. This season was very good for Hatch

Year (HY) owls, with over half (n=55, 66%) of the owls hatched in the summer of 2025. Wherever our population of owls come from they had a decent breeding season. Of the After Hatch Year (AHY, n=29) adult owls, 15 (19%) were Second Years (SY, two years old) 13 (15%) were After Second-Year (ASY), or at least three years old. The number of HY and AHY owls banded each year since our opening in 2005 is shown in Figure 5. As is typical of ours and other stations, our population consisted of mostly females: 49 females (88%), nine males (10%), and 26 of unknown sex (30%).

### Nest Box Program

An integral part of our project is to determine if Northern Saw-whet Owls (NSWO, *Aegolius acadicus*) might nest on site. We know they breed in the higher Sierras upslope from the Reserve, following their prey around, so it is possible that they could nest on the BCCER. Ken installed nine new boxes around the property, including the expansion site, in fall 2025 (Figure 6) since all boxes burned in the Park Fire. Prior, no saw-whets had used the boxes but one box was occupied by WESO consistent for eight consecutive years, the same female that we first banded in 2017. She had successfully fledged 26 young from the same box. She also had an impressive longevity of at least 9 years old! We hope to encounter her again.

### Community Outreach and Volunteers

Educating the community about these elusive owls, and training volunteers to assist in an incredibly gratifying project, is an essential part of our program. This year, because most of the post-fire hazard trees were removed from our area, we were able to invite limited numbers of the public. Our outreach focuses on training new volunteers and honing the skills of returning volunteer banders. There were 40 people signed up to help this season, with several committed returnees. We couldn't do it without you!

### Project Support

Logistical support continued this year from Chico State Enterprises and AltaCal Bird Alliance. Licensed banders were Project Director Ken Sobon, Dawn Garcia, and Charlie Giannini. All data was submitted to the Bird Banding Laboratory who manages and disseminates banding information nationwide. We are members of Project OwlNet, <http://www.projectowl.net.org/>, and follow their monitoring recommendations.



A Saw-whet owl being processed which includes banding, measuring the wing chord and weighing.

Mount Lassen Chapter California Native Plant Society & AltaCal Bird Alliance

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We offer regularly scheduled **field trips** that focus on birds and bird habitats; membership **programs** with media presentations on birds and related topics; a bi-monthly **newsletter**, the **White-tailed Kite**; **website** [www.AltaCal.org](http://www.AltaCal.org); and **advocacy** to protect and conserve local habitats as well as special programs.

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## White-tailed Kite Submissions

Articles, reports, sightings, and photos for publication should be sent by email to: Carla Resnick at [carlaphoto@gmail.com](mailto:carlaphoto@gmail.com), on the first of the month, prior to the next issue. For best results please send images as high resolution attachments.

### AltaCal Bird Alliance Membership Form

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| August/Sept  | July 1          |
| Oct/Nov      | Sept 1          |
| Dec/Jan      | Nov 1           |
| Feb/Mar      | Jan 1           |
| April/May    | Mar 1           |



Belted Kingfisher. Photo by Karen White

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